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I wish to extend to you, on behalf of FBIS, warmest congratulations on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the BBC External Services. As you know, for the past 40 years FBIS, the U.S. Government's radio monitoring service, and the BBC's Monitoring Service have shared coverage of the world's radios and through mutual exchange have developed a close and fruitful relationship.

We are therefore especially pleased to congratulate you and your staff on this important occasion. BBC broadcasters have, for half a century, been a beacon of information and truth for listeners in every corner of the globe. We wish you ever more success in this important effort.

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